

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

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Proclaiming Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

Lead poisoning is a serious, preventable environmental health problem in Los Angeles County. Lead exposure is especially harmful to children under the age of six and protecting them from lead is crucial to lifelong health. Even small amounts of lead in the body have been shown to impact IQ, attention span, and academic achievement. The damaging effects of lead exposure often go undetected, as initial symptoms may not be apparent. A blood lead test is the best way to identify if a child has been exposed to lead. Although lead can be found in many products and locations, lead exposure is preventable. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) provides services to the community to increase awareness regarding the sources of lead, to reduce lead exposures, and to increase the number of children assessed and tested for lead poisoning.

Each year, Lead Poisoning Prevention Week offers a focused opportunity to bring together individuals, organizations, and governments to increase lead poisoning prevention awareness to reduce childhood exposure to lead.

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By supporting Lead Poisoning Prevention Week, we affirm our commitment to working together to increase lead poisoning prevention.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors proclaim the week of October 20-26, 2019 as “Lead Poisoning Prevention Week” in Los Angeles County and encourage all County of Los Angeles residents to learn about the risks of lead, potential sources of lead exposure, and the steps we can take to protect our children.

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